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THIS morning the lab director (Dary Mount) ordered me not to discuss the DEET results with anyone outside MAVERL. He told me that to do so could result in disciplinary action. Dr Richard Brenner was there as a witness. I was told (by G. M.) that Ralph Bram called him with instructions for me to keep quiet. I was told that this was a result of contact of Bram by S.C. Johnson CO which was worried about misinformation about its repellent products. I told Dr. Mount that interactions between DEET and organophosphates (e.g. CHA AS CHEM. WARFARE agents) might be responsible for symptoms of some Gulf War veterans. My impression is that there is no particular urgency by ARS (ARES) program staff (BRAM) or Dr Mount to either prove or disprove the hypothesis. The urgency seemed to arise from concern about lawsuits over false research claims (which I have not made). J. R. Mount